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Gun Like One In JFK Death Found in '63

PUTNAMVILLE, Ind., April 3 (AP)—A rifle of the same model as that which killed President Kennedy was found in a Terre Haute, Ind., hotel three days after the President's slaying, Terre Haute's former police chief said today.

Frank Riddle, the retired chief, said the rifle, a 6.5 millimeter Italian Mannlicker-Carcano, was traced to a salesman from San Antonio, Tex.

Riddle said all his information about the rifle was turned over to the Warren Commission and the rifle was taken by Secret Service agents.

Riddle said San Antonio authorities informed him the salesman had no criminal record, was a member of the Young Communist League and an expert rifle marksman. He declined to name the salesman.

In Washington, the Secret Service, citing its standing policy, declined to comment on the report of the rifle discovery.